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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

BRAZIL.

Report of plague at Pernambuco.

PERNAMBUCO, BRAZIL, April 19, 1902.

SIR: I beg to inform the Department of the appearance in this city of sporadic cases of what has been declared by the medical faculty here bubonic plague. The disease has not assumed an epidemic form, the cases occurring being isolated from each other. During the month of March, 11 deaths and many cases occurred which the doctors diagnosed as pernicious lymphatitis, but on March 29 a Dr. Albuquerque Salles died in the Portuguese hospital of what the officiating doctor claimed to be bubonic pest. Since then there have been daily cases, some declared to be bubonic plague and some "suspected," with a few deaths.

The plague is supposed by one doctor to have been introduced here by the Austrian steamship *Gundulic*, which came to this port from Trieste November 5, last year, and after leaving Pernambuco 1 of the crew died of bubonic pest and was buried at Bahia. Another member of the crew fell sick of the same disease during the voyage from Bahia to Rio de Janeiro, and was sent to the quarantine station at Ilha Grande, with what result I have not learned.

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The Government has bought a large building to send suspected cases to. Those that have died of pest are sent to the Pina Island for burial.

The following is as complete a list of deaths from bubonic pest as I have been able to obtain from the beginning of the outbreak up to yesterday. The official report has not yet been published:

March 29, 1; March 30, 2; March 31, 1; April 1, 2; April 2, 3; April 3, 3; April 4, 6; April 5, 2; April 6, 2; April 7, 3; April 8, 3; April 9, 3; April 10, 2; April 11 (suspected), 1; April 12 (2 suspected), 4; April 13, 1; April 14, 1; April 15, 4; April 16, —; April 17, 5; April 18, 3. Total, 52.

Respectfully,

W. L. SEWELL,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Belize—Fruit port.

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, May 3, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended May 3, 1902:

Population according to census of 1901, 9,113; present officially estimated population, about 7,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague